(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government on this newsitem; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against mafia dons by putting a complete check on their criminal activities in Jails and by ensuring that the mafia dons do not escape from the jail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Facts are being ascertained from the State Government.

Tibetan refugees

2159. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of Tibetan refugges in the country at present;

(b) whether Government have made any arrangement to monitor their activities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) It is estimated that 93,100 Tibetan refugees are staying in the country at present.

(b) and (c) Powers of the Central Government under different enactments governing the entry, stay, movement and exit of foreigners in India, including Tibetan refugees, have been entrusted to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under articles 239 and 258 of the Constitution of India. Suitable instructions are issued to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, from time to time, to monitor the activities of foreigners and to detect and deport those who are illegally staying in the country or are indulging in adverse activities.

Additional funds to tackle naxalite menace in AP

2160. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to release more additional funds to the Andhra Pradesh Government to tackle naxalite menace;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to form a coordinated plan in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh to combat the naxalite menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, the following funds have been released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh:—

	(as on 21.2.2000) (Rs. in lakhs)
1996-97	709.560
1997-98	209.560
1998-99	709.560
1999-2000	104.780

In addition to the above, an amount of Rs. 30.46 crores has been reimbursed to the Government of Andhra Pradesh as 50% of the expenditure incurred by the State Government in combating the left wing extremist activities during the period 1.4.1996 to 31.3.2000, under the Scheme of Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure incurred by the States affected by left wing extremism.

(c) The Central Government has set up a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the States seriously affected by left wing extremism, as its members, to review and coordinate the steps taken by these States to check extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each State and to make recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

The Coordination Centre has been meeting periodically. Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/ improvement of identified critical roads, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis, providing help of Para Military Forces on need basis, etc., have also been taken and effectively followed-up.

Ban on lottery

2161. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any decision to ban lotteries;